

July 19, 1988

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK REMOVAL
645 S. GLENSTONE

On Friday, July 15, 1988, Randy Lyman called Gene Pabst and me on the radio and wanted us to check on tanks that were being removed at 645 S. Glenstone. When we got there, the tanks had already been removed, but the contractor (Meco Systems Inc.) had encountered several pockets of gasoline while digging, so they contacted the Fire Department. Hosea Lawrence was the fire marshal on the scene. We talked to Tim Winters, the project manager. He said one area had about 5 gallons of gasoline in it. He said the owners of the property were Flavius Freeman and Ted Smith. A fire truck arrived while we were there and one of the fireman climbed down into the excavated area and took some readings with an explosion meter. We could smell gasoline fumes, but the meter didn't give any readings. After discussing the matter with Hosea and with Randy over the radio, we all decided to turn the problem over to the state because soil testing would probably have to be done. Randy called the DNR office and talked to Gail Roberts because both Chuck Kroeger and Judy Dill were gone for the day. Gail asked the Fire Department to call the office in Jefferson City about the problem. I talked to Hosea later in the afternoon and he said the people from the local DNR office would look at the excavation on Monday. He said the Fire Department advised Meco to barricade the area for the weekend.

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